

2003 Winter Weather Related Fatalities

In 2003, there were 28 winter weather deaths, up 11 from 2002, reversing the downward trend of the previous 5 years. The 2003 total is still significantly lower than the 10-year average of 44 fatalities. Kansas logged by far the highest death toll with six. The most hazardous place to be in the winter of 2003 was in a vehicle, which accounted for 68% (19) of the winter weather victims. The hardest hit age group was seniors aged 60-79, who accounted for 36 percent of deaths. There were no ice related deaths in 2003 but avalanches accounted for nine fatalities.

2003 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY STATE AND LOCATION

<u>STATE</u>	<u>LS</u>	<u>MH</u>	<u>OT</u>	<u>OU</u>	<u>PH</u>	<u>VE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
KS	0	0	1	0	0	5	6
KY	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
MD	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
MI	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
ND	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
NJ	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
NY	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
PA	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
SC	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
UT	0	0	0	0	0	3	3
VA	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
VT	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
WY	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
TOTAL	0	0	2	7	0	19	28
PERCENT	0	0	7	25	0	68	100

2003 WINTER STORM FATALITIES BY AGE AND GENDER

	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>UNKNOWN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
0 TO 9	0	1	0	1	4
10 TO 19	1	0	0	1	4
20 TO 29	2	2	0	4	14
30 TO 39	1	1	0	2	7
40 TO 49	2	2	0	4	14
50 TO 59	2	0	0	2	7
60 TO 69	2	3	0	5	18
70 TO 79	3	2	0	5	18
80 TO 89	0	0	0	0	0
90 TO --	0	0	0	0	0
UNKNOWN	0	4	0	4	14
TOTAL	13	15	0	28	100
PERCENT	46	54	0	100	

LEGEND

LS - Long-Span Roof
MH - Mobile Home
OT - Other/Unknown
OU - Outside Open
PH - Permanent Home
VE - Vehicle

